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SUBJECT: POLISH-IRANIAN ECONOMIC TALKS

1. SUMMARY: AN ARTICLE APPEARING JUNE 18 IN TRYBUNA LUDU SUMMARIZED THE RESULTS OF POLISH-IRANIAN ECONOMIC TALKS, WHICH WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN HELD FROM JUNE 14-17. ACCORDING TO TRYBUNA, THE DISCUSSIONS MARKED THE SECOND SESSION OF THE POLISH-IRANIAN SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY. THE DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY VICE MINISTER STEFAN PERKOWICZ OF POLANDS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY, AND IRANIAN VICE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINING MEHDI GHAFARZADEH. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT SPECIAL EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON POSSIBILITIES FOR INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE SUGAR, TEXTILE, MACHINE-TOOL, SHIP-BUILDING, AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES. OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ARE ALSO SAID TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED.

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3. TWO PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS BETWEEN POLAND AND IRAN

ARE CITED BY TRYBUNA AS EXAMPLES OF COOPERATION. ONE OF THE JOINT ENDEAVORS, BASED IN IRAN, IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING COOPERATION IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY. THE AGREEMENT IS SAID TO CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION IN IRAN OF A COTTON-SPINNING PLANT, WHICH WILL BE JOINTLY OPERATED. A SECOND AGREEMENT, IN THE SUGAR INDUSTRY, REPORTEDLY PROVIDES FOR PARTICIPATION BY IRANIAN FIRMS IN CONSTRUCTION OF A SUGAR MILL, WHICH WILL BE MANAGED BY POLAND. PLANS FOR BROADER COOPERATION IN THE MACHINE-TOOL AND TEXTILE-EQUIPMENT INDUSTRIES ARE ALSO UNDER DISCUSSION, ACCORDING TO TRYBUNA LUDU.

4. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN MUCH SPECULATION IN WARSAW ABOUT THE EVENTUAL CREATION OF POLISH-IRANIAN JOINT VENTURES. WE BELIEVE THE POLES WOULD VIEW THESE ENTERPRISES AS A MEANS OF GENERATING REVENUES TO PAY FOR IRANIAN OIL. THIS ARTICLE PRESENTS THE FIRST CONCRETE EVIDENCE WE HAVE SEEN WHICH SUGGESTS THAT SOME JOINT COMPANIES MAY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY TEHRAN MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH THAT WOULD CLARIFY THE NATURE OF THESE PARTNERSHIPS AND HELP ASSESSING THEIR LIKELY IMPACT ON BILATERAL TRADE.  
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